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SUBJECT: UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA) MEETING,

KINSHASA, FEB 24 - MARCH 3, 1977

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1. UPCOMING ECA MEETING HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECT ANY GOL PUBLIC STATEMENTS. GOL'S RUNNING CONTROVERSY WITH SAG OVER TRANSKEI AND ITS VARIOUS MANIFESTATIONS (UNSC RESOLUTION, SAG WITHDRAWAL OF MAISE SUBSIDY FOR LESOTHO, VISIT OF UN MISSION) HAS DOMINATED PUBLIC UTTERANCES TO EXCLUSION SUCH EVENTS AS ECA MEETING.

2. GOL DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MIN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, K.T.J. RAKHETLA. MINISTER RAKHETLA HEADED GOL DELEGATION TO 1976 UNCTAD MEETING NAIROBI. HE IS QUIET, SOFT-SPOKEN FORMER CIVIL SERVANT, WHO HAS REPUTATION STUBBORN IN-FIGHTER WHERE GOL'S INTERESTS CONCERNED.

3. GOL ATTITUDE TOWARDS GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES SHAPPED BY CONFLICTING INTERESTS. OF OVERRIDING INTEREST TO GOL IS ITS DETERIORA

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POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH SAG WITH ITS ACTUAL AND IMPLIED THREAT OF ECONOMIC

RETALIATIONS. THIS HAS LED GOL TO SEEK WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH UN TO TRY TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON SA AND MOVE TOWARD INCREASING ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY. FULLY COGNIZANT OF FACT THAT, WITHOUT US AND WESTERN EUROPEAN MONEY AND EXPERTISE,

THESE ECONOMIC GOALS ARE UNATTAINABLE, GOL HAS NO DESIRE OFFEND WESTERN AID DONORS. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, GOL STRIVES TO RETAIN NON-ALIGNED POSTURE AND SEEKS TO CULTIVATE SOLIDARITY WITH OAU AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

4. GOL ATTITUDES AND REACTIONS TO ISSUES AT ECA MEETING ARE TEMPERED BY THESE CONFLICTING INTERESTS. GOL DELEGATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE LOW-KEYED AND MODERATE. SUPPORTING THOSE POSITIONS WHICH SEEM TO PROMOTE AND ASSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT GOALS (TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE AID POLICIES). IT WILL GENERALLY TRY TO AVOID (POSSIBLY BY ABSTENTION OR ABSENCE) CONFRONTATIONS WHICH MIGHT OFFEND DONOR GOVERNMENTS. ON OTHER HAND, IF AFRICAN CONSENSUS IS DEVELOPED ON ALMOST ANY ECONOMIC ISSUE, GOL MAY BE EXPECTED TO QUIETLY SUPPORT IT UNLESS TO DO SO WOULD SERIOUSLY OFFEND DONOR COUNTRIES. EARLY CONTACT BY US OBSERVERS AND DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN WITH GOL DELEGATION COULD PROVE FRUITFUL IN SUSTAINING GOL'S SMALL MODERATING INFLUENCE AND POSSIBLY IN GAINING SUPPORT FOR POSITIONS FAVORED BY US.
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